

## ABSTRACT

A compound represented by the following general formula (I), wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  represent a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 26 carbon atoms, preferably a linear or branched alkyl group,  $R^3$  represents a hydrocarbon group having 7 to 10 carbon atoms, preferably a linear or branched alkyl group,  $n$  represents 1 or 2 provided that the acidic amino acid residue in the molecule is L-aspartic acid residue when  $n$  is 1 and said acidic amino acid residue is L-glutamic acid residue when  $n$  is 2, and a gelling agent for an oil comprising said compound.

